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SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING DECLARATION TO THE INVENTOR'S
DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I, Kimihito Nakayama, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of Japan and I am currently an employee of YAZAKI CORPORATION (hereinafter "YAZAKI")

2.. I began my employment with YAZAKI in 1997, and I began working in the Intellectual Property Department of YAZAKI in May of 1997.

3. My responsibilities in the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI include: Patent Prosecution, Searching and finding of Inventions for Patents.

4. As an employee in the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI it is also my responsibility to know and understand the

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reference numbering system used in the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI for technical Memos and for technical Statement of Invention forms used at YAZAKI.

5. An example of a Technical Memo used in the intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI is attached as Exhibit A, along an English translation attached as Exhibit B.

6. An example of a Technical statement of Invention used in the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI is attached as Exhibit C, along with an English translation attached as Exhibit D.

7. In the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI a Technical Statement of Invention (as shown in Exhibit C) is used by inventors to describe an invention developed within YAZAKI.

8. Each Technical Statement of Invention used at YAZAKI is assigned a technical Memo Number which enables the Technical Statement of Invention to be properly recorded and filed in the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI.

9. The Technical Memo Number for the Technical Statement of Invention in Exhibit C is 99P050133.

10. At the time the Technical Statement of Invention, attached as Exhibit C, was created the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI, YAZAKI used a standard numbering system which allows the year in which the technical Statement of Invention was created to be determined.

11. At the time the Technical Statement of Invention,

attached as Exhibit C, was created the standard numbering system, used by the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI, employed a system in which the first two digits of the technical Memo Number represented the last two digits of the year in which the document was created.

12. Under this numbering system, the digits "99" at the beginning of the technical Memo Number 99P050133, attached as Exhibit C, indicate that this Technical Statement of Invention was created in the Intellectual Property Department at YAZAKI in the year 1999.

13. I hereby attest that the technical Statement of Invention, attached as Exhibit C, was created in accordance with the above described standard numbering system in the Intellectual property Department at YAZAKI, and was created and maintained in the ordinary course of business in YAZAKI.

I declare further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: January 17, 2003

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